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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2012-0003]

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1259]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1259, to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (e-mail) Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (e-mail) Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances

that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at www.fema.gov/pdf/media/factsheets/2010/srp_fs.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for

inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov for comparison.

City of Dubuque, Iowa	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionVII/DubuqueCountyIowa/Preliminary%20Maps/Forms/AllItems.aspx	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of Dubuque	City Hall 50 West 13th Street Dubuque, IA 52001
Boyd County, Kentucky, and Incorporated Areas	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.bakeraecom.com/index.php/kentucky/boyd/	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of Ashland	Department of Planning and Community Development 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 208 Ashland, KY 41101
City of Catlettsburg	City Hall 216 26th Street Catlettsburg, KY 41129
Unincorporated Areas of Boyd County	Boyd County Courthouse 2800 Louisa Street Catlettsburg, KY 41129
Hampden County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions)	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionI/HampdenCountyMA/Preliminary%20Maps/Forms/AllItems.aspx	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of Chicopee	City Hall Annex 274 Front Street, 4th Floor Chicopee, MA 01013
Town of Blandford	Town Hall 1 Russell Stage Road Blandford, MA 01008
Town of Granville	Town Hall 707 Main Road Granville, MA 01034

Town of Montgomery	Town Hall 161 Main Road Montgomery, MA 01085
Town of Russell	Town Hall 65 Main Street Russell, MA 01071
Town of Tolland	Town Hall 241 West Granville Road Tolland, MA 01034

Lee County, Texas, and Incorporated Areas	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.riskmap6.com	
Community	Community Map Repository Address
City of Giddings	City Hall 118 East Richmond Street Giddings, TX 78942
Town of Lexington	City Hall 604 Wheatley Street Lexington, TX 78947
Unincorporated Areas of Lee County	Lee County Courthouse 200 South Main Street, Room 107 Giddings, TX 78942

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